The quiz about sedimentary processes, rocks, and environments will involve questions like the ones that follow.

Note: Whenever you see reference to Tarbuck, in the following questions, that means the eText of the textbook by Tarbuck and others, Earth

- 1. What are the major steps in the development of a typical clastic sedimentary formation? A: weathering, erosion, transportation, deposition, burial, compaction and cementation. Compaction and cementation are the primary processes in the *lithification* of a sedimentary rock.
- 2. What geologic process involves the breakdown and alteration of rocks at Earth's surface through interaction with water and the atmosphere?
- 3. What are two main types of weathering?
- 4. Name a common non-marine depositional environment.
- 5. Name a common depositional environment along the coastline of an ocean.
- 6. Name a common marine depositional environment.
- 7. The highest peak in Texas, Guadalupe Peak, is composed of rock that was once part of a large reef complex. At the time it was formed, was this reef part of a a continental or marine depositional environment?
- 8. What is the category of sedimentary rocks that are composed of the broken and worn particles of older geologic materials that have been deposited by wind or water?
- 9. What is the type of sedimentary rock that is composed primarily of gravel-size particles?
- 10. How big are gravel-sized particles (A: 2 mm across or larger)?
- 11. How big are sand-sized particles?
- 12. What is the name of the sedimentary rock formed by micro-crystalline quartz?
- 13. What are some of the organisms with silica tests (shells) that contribute to deep-sea layers of micro-crystalline quartz?
- 14. What is the name of a sedimentary deposit formed under conditions of high evaporation and composed of sodium chloride?
- 15. What is the name of a sedimentary deposit formed under conditions of high evaporation and composed of hydrous calcium sulfate (CaSO 4 2 H 2 O)?
- 16. What is the general name of sedimentary deposits formed under conditions of high evaporation?
- 17. What sort of bedding develops as particles move in wind or water currents, forming ripple marks or dunes?
- 18. What sort of bedding develops as particles of different sizes settle out of turbulent sediment-laden water as it loses velocity?
- 19. What feature, that is commonly encountered in continental sedimentary strata, indicates that the fine-grained sediments were initially wet but then dried in contact with the air?
- 20. What is the type of sedimentary rock that is composed primarily of sand-size particles?
- 21. What is the type of sedimentary rock that is composed primarily of silt-size particles?
- 22. Which is bigger: clay-sized or silt-sized particles?
- 23. What is the common name for a sedimentary deposit that is composed of a mixture of silt and clay?
- 24. What do we call a very fine-grained sedimentary rock that breaks along irregular surfaces that are approximately parallel to each other and to the original bedding surfaces (*laminae*)?
- 25. What is the name for the property of some very fine grained sedimentary rocks to break easily into thin layers along more-or-less parallel surfaces?
- 26. What is the most common mineral in a sandstone whose grains have been subjected to prolonged transportation, or perhaps to repeated cycles of deposition, erosion and transportation?
- 27. What is the primary mineral in limestone?
- 28. In what type geological environment does limestone typically form?
- 29. What is the name of the sedimentary rock formed from the calcium-magnesium carbonate mineral dolomite?
- 30. What is a fossil? (https://www.baylor.edu/geosciences/index.php?id=953452#fossil)